

## ARMY OF 800 SENT TO HUNT REBEL LEADER

**Vigorous Offensive Against Villista Bands Operating in Chihuahua is Ordered by Carranza.**

**MEMBERS OF BANDS WILL GET NO QUARTER**

**Intervention Resolutions Rest Quietly in Their Graves During Session of Foreign Committee.**

International News Service: EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 26.—Eight hundred Carranza soldiers equipped for a long campaign are speeding on special trains over the Mexican northwestern railway today to western Chihuahua to open a vigorous offensive against the Villista bands which are operating in that region.

Since Francisco Villa succeeded in escaping from the force which surrounded him between Pearson and Madera, his ranks have been heavily increased, and it is expected that it will require an aggressive campaign lasting several months to destroy his influence in western Chihuahua.

The Carranza soldiers sent to attack Villa have been ordered to wage a war of extermination. Neither Villa nor his followers will be given a trial if captured, but will be shot down as murderers and bandits.

Carranza officials who watched the departure of the force from Juarez on the special trains said that their government had determined to clear the country of outlaws and render safe the resumption of business by American who own property in Chihuahua.

Friends of Villa declared today that the rebel leader has sufficient ammunition, both for rifles and machine guns, for a long campaign, and that the Carranzistas would find great difficulty in gaining success for their policy of extermination. They said Villa has nearly 2,000,000 rounds of cartridges with him and that he can obtain a great deal more from "various sources."

Private reports reaching the border from Oaxaca and the federal district of Mexico depict conditions in that section as being as bad as they are in Chihuahua, where Americans were recently massacred.

Carranza officials in Juarez deny that foreigners are in danger in Oaxaca, but it is known that there are few troops there.

Numerous sugar plantations owned by Americans are said to have been destroyed at Oaxaca.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Mexican intervention resolutions rested quietly in their graves today during the session of the senate foreign relations committee. The failure of the administration to reply to the Fall resolution, requesting information on the Mexican situation, was given as the reason for the inability of the committee to act.

The president's nomination of Henry P. Fletcher, present ambassador to Chile, to be ambassador to Mexico, consequently was held up another week. Republican leaders persist in their stand that they will not vote for confirmation of Fletcher until they are supplied with complete information in the Mexican situation.

## MAY PLACE HAITI UNDER U. S. WING

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Whether the United States should take the republic of Haiti under its wing and add it to its list of protectorates, was placed before the senate today.

The Haitian treaty, ratified by the Haitian senate, and providing for supervision of the finances of Haiti by United States officials, was laid before the senate foreign relations committee by the state department. The treaty specifically provides for the control of Haitian customs by American officers and for the distribution of a portion of such funds among the creditors of the republic, most of whom are French.

Considerable opposition will be offered by persons who declare it simply makes the United States the "cat's paw," pulling foreign interests out of the fire. As ratification by the United States senate is considered doubtful.

## Fifth Petition For Divorce is Filed by Woman

For the fifth time in as many years Mrs. Lottie C. Kaczmarek has filed a petition for a divorce in the local courts. The husband, John Kaczmarek, Wednesday morning was released on bond in the city court. He had been arrested on assault and battery charges preferred by his wife.

The first divorce petition was filed Aug. 31, 1911, the second on May 2, 1914, a third May the same year, and the fourth on July 17, 1914. All save the last were filed in circuit court and all have been dismissed.

The complaint filed Wednesday by Mrs. Kaczmarek in circuit court states that they were separated on Jan. 24, 1916. This was only two days previous to the filing of the complaint. She asks \$200 alimony and \$5 a week support money.

Atty. Wypiszynski, who represented Mrs. Kaczmarek and who now is counsel for the defendant husband, is preparing a plea in abatement.

## MICHIGAN STREET MAY BE REPAVED

**Resolutions Calling For Five Miles of New Pavement Ordered by Board.**

Three resolutions ordered by the board of public works at the Tuesday night meeting provide for a greater amount of paving improvements than have been attempted in South Bend for years. The resolutions provide for the paving of five miles of streets, including Michigan st., from LaSalle av. to South st., Eddy st., from Jefferson Blvd., to the Sample st. bridge, Mishawaka av., from Eddy st. to the center line of 19th st., in River Park, and Indiana av., from Kemble av. to Leer st. City Engineer Anderson was unable to give any figures upon the approximate cost of the proposed improvements Wednesday but it is expected that the job will be one of the most extensive conducted by the city along the paving line in history.

Prest E. M. Morris stated Wednesday that indications were that the resolutions would be adopted following the hearings which will be held in the near future. It is hoped to have arrangements made to start work upon at least part of the work by the time the weather opens up which will be within a few weeks.

Will Give Estimates. Engineer Anderson has been instructed to give the board estimates upon the work immediately. Just what material will be used in the paving is not known as yet but indications are that Michigan st. will probably be paved with cressote blocks. The board has discussed this question for several weeks and an investigation revealed that although the blocks are slightly more expensive than the asphalt they appear to be more lasting, need less repair and eliminating to a great extent all traffic noise. On N. Taylor st., between Colfax av. and LaSalle av., cressote blocks have been used since 1909 and according to Engineer Anderson have necessitated very little repair except where blocks have been removed for underground work purposes and not replaced properly.

It is also planned to make some changes in the width of Eddy st. and Mishawaka av., when the paving is done. Just what these changes will be have not yet been decided upon but will probably be included in the engineer's estimates. Eddy st. will be paved from the south line of Jefferson Blvd., to the Sample st. bridge, and Mishawaka av., from Eddy st. to the center line of 19th st., River Park, a total distance of 2.6 miles.

Take In Eight Blocks. The total distance of the Indiana av. improvement will amount to one and three-quarters miles. If plans go through while the Michigan st. improvement takes in about eight city blocks.

There has been an agitation on for several years for an improvement in the Michigan st. pavement and at the time the huge trunk sewer was put in last summer it was practically decided to pave the street but the latest of the season prevented the work from starting. But the improvement of Mishawaka av. and Eddy st., another avenue of traffic to Mishawaka will be added, thus relieving Vista av. from a part of its heavy and continual travel.

## COMMITTEE TO MEET

Members of the historical committee of the St. Joseph county centennial celebration will meet Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the office of Judge T. E. Howard in the Jefferson building to discuss the program. Judge Howard is the chairman of this committee.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Robert Walker, farmer, New Carlisle; Katie Dittmar, New Carlisle; William Weinburg, fruit dealer, Mishawaka; Gertrude Odiorne, Wyatt.

James Tyler, teamster; Edith Gelsel.

## MOHR DEFENSE IS EXPLAINED IN STATEMENT

**Attorney Contends Mrs. Mohr Could Not Have Planned the Murder of Her Husband.**

**POLICE CAPTAIN IS LAST WITNESS HEARD**

**Called on by State to Corroborate Evidence of the Alleged Confessions of the Negroes.**

International News Service: PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 26.—Merely hammering home the testimony of two weeks, that the negroes, Victor Brown, Henry Spellman and George Heals confessed that Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Mohr hired them to kill her husband, the state today rested in the trial of the woman and two of the negroes for the murder of Dr. Charles Franklin Mohr.

The prosecution called 57 witnesses, the last being Capt. George H. Monahan, who corroborated the previous police evidence of the alleged confessions of the negroes.

After the state closed there was a consultation of counsel, after which Justice Stearns informed the jury that Spellman and Brown waived their privileges of opening statements. The court said the defense of the negroes would come after Mrs. Mohr has closed her case.

No Unwritten Law. "No so-called unwritten law will be pleaded by Mrs. Mohr," was the opening remark by Atty. Arthur Cushing of the defense.

Mrs. Mohr cried softly throughout the lawyer's speech. She made no sound, but her handkerchief was all the time at her eyes.

"The unwritten law may go in the south and west, but New England and Rhode Island has no use for it," Cushing continued. "We care not what Dr. Mohr was. He may have been a good man. He may have been a cruel and faithless husband and father."

"His character does not enter into this woman's defense. Dr. Mohr was human and had a right to live. His murder was perhaps one of the worst crimes in recent times."

"The state has alleged that Mrs. Mohr was actuated by jealousy and cupidity."

That is an absurd proposition. Those two emotions, jealousy and cupidity cannot exist in the same breast.

"Jealousy is caused by sex love. Love is not calculating. Love never committed a deliberately planned, cold-blooded murder."

"On the other hand, cupidity cannot live with love. The love that inspires jealousy has no thought for acquiring property."

"We will show you that here is a devoted, heart-broken wife, who for months kept an almost insane watch on her husband. Such a woman could not have been thinking of material property; could not coolly plot a cold-blooded murder."

## GETS \$50 DAMAGES

**Plaintiff Put Off Car Because Trans-fer Was Late.**

International News Service: INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 26.—Bert C. McMillan was awarded \$50 damages by the Indianapolis Traction Co. because a street car conductor ejected him from a car when he presented a transfer which was late. McMillan explained that a half dozen cars had passed, but they were so crowded he could not get on.

## DETROIT HAS COSTLY BLAZE; CHIEF IS HURT

International News Service: DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 26.—Fire threatened to destroy the entire plant of the Detroit Automobile Specialty Co. on Greenwood av. during the morning. Shortly before 10:30 o'clock a second alarm was turned in. The Monarch Foundry Co.'s plant, adjoining the specialty factory, was also in flames. The two concerns employ about 300 men.

James Broderick, 70 years old, chief of the Detroit fire department, suffered serious and perhaps fatal injuries, and his driver, Leo Nelson, was hurt when the chief's automobile collided with a five-ton truck.

## SEA BLOCKADE PROPOSALS UP BEFORE HOUSE

**All Neutral World is Looking to London—Sweden's Stand May Force Modification of British Plans.**

**CONSCRIPTION APPROVED BY LABOR DELEGATES**

**Leaders Attack Measure But Conference Adopts Resolution Pledging Support to Government.**

International News Service: LONDON, Jan. 26.—The eyes of the neutral world and especially those nations with big shipping interests, were turned upon parliament today when debate was opened in commons upon the question of tightening the blockade of Germany.

There was a strong opinion in well informed circles that the government had decided to maintain its blockade upon the present lines without attempting to cut off the shipment of contrabands to the Scandinavian countries and Holland.

Strong influence was exerted upon British and French governments by the menacing stand taken by Sweden. Open threats have been made by Swedish statesmen that an embargo on contraband merchandise might result in that country going to war against the allies.

BRISTOL, England, Jan. 26.—Although the chief speakers at the labor conference today attacked conscription as undemocratic, nevertheless the delegates this afternoon adopted a resolution pledging the support of the labor party to the government in a successful prosecution of the war.

The 600 delegates present represent more than 2,000,000 workmen.

The socialistic contingent was prepared to introduce strong resolutions calling upon the government to adopt measures which will prevent England from going to war for evermore.

The question of compulsory service for workmen in munitions factories threatens to bring about a split in the labor party which may take years to heal if it is ever healed at all.

The struggle between the socialistic pacifists and the pro-government element promises to make this the most important labor conference in the history of England and stormy sessions were predicted.

Some of the delegates favor the adoption of a resolution for an international brotherhood of labor. The ultimate aim of those sponsoring this resolution is to give the working men such power in the first class nations of the world as to prevent wars in the future.

The most important possibilities are contained in the attitude which the coal miners and railway workers will take. Leaders of both these classes of workmen have threatened national strikes that they have a program which will do away with wars and in this connection they point out that the principals have already been endorsed by the socialistic pacifists of France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark and Norway. Chief of the principles set forth in this program are:

- 1.—Elimination of secret treaties.
- 2.—Reduction of armaments.
- 3.—Establishment of an international tribunal to settle disputes between nations.
- 4.—Extension of the governmental powers of parliaments.

## Latest in the News World

ADDS TO LIST. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—In addition to the larger cities which Prest Wilson will visit on his forthcoming swing through the middle west, it was announced at the white house this afternoon that he also would speak from the rear end of his special at Waukegan Ill., Kenosha, Wis., Iowa City, Ia., Grinnell, Ia., Lawrence, Kas., and East St. Louis, Ill.

## SHIP IN DISTRESS

International News Service: HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 26.—The following message was received here last night from Cape Race wireless station:

"Steamship Rochambeau reports steamship Finland standing by vessel in distress, sending up rockets. Nothing has been seen or heard of distressed vessel since. Finland advises all vessels to keep a lookout for her."

## TRENCHES DESTROYED.

International News Service: BERLIN, (by wireless) Jan. 26.—Successful mining operations by the French in the Argonne region result-

## Faithful Dog Watches Over Watson's Grave



Grave at El Paso, Texas, of C. R. Watson, leader of the 17 minin men massacred at Santa Ysabel by Mexican bandits, showing the floral tributes placed by the citizens of El Paso, and his faithful dog, keeping watch over his master's last resting place. The dog remained by the grave-side all day and had to be forcefully removed by Watson's friends.

## Our Little Troubles With the Foreign Nations

### Britain Claims Right to Szieze American Mail

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Great Britain's reply to the protest of the United States against interference with American mail to and from European countries was received at the state department today.

It is understood Great Britain rejects the American demands and attempts to justify her acts in holding up American mail as legal. The reply was handed to Ambassador Page at London. He cabled it here.

The state department announced that the original note of protest of the United States, which was sent Great Britain several weeks ago, together with the British reply, would be given out for publication in Friday morning's papers.

Officials indicated that the United States will renew its demands in a second note to the British government at once.

### PARTY AT STOCKHOLM

Members Hear They Are to be Joined by Bryan.

International News Service: STOCKHOLM, Jan. 26.—The working committee of the Ford peace expedition arrived here today from The Hague. The members displayed deep interest in reports that William J. Bryan had decided to join them in the near future, but said no official information of these rumors had reached the committee. The committee will stay at Stockholm until peace negotiations to end the war have begun.

### GERMAN DIES.

International News Service: BERLIN, Jan. 26 (by wireless).—James Alexander Speck von Sternburg, brother of the late German ambassador to the United States, died today, aged 60 years. He was one of the largest land owners in Germany.

### LYNER NOT SUNK.

International News Service: LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Dominion liner Norseman has been beached without loss of life, according to a Lloyd's dispatch today. It was reported yesterday that the vessel had been sunk.

### LOST PRISONERS.

International News Service: PARIS, Jan. 26.—A Milan dispatch states that during the Montenegrin retreat into Albania the Montenegrin troops lost 2,500 prisoners they had previously captured from the Austro-Hungarian forces.

### HAVE NO BIG GUNS.

International News Service: LONDON, Jan. 26.—Fear of a great attack on England by German forces using 17-inch guns was removed this afternoon when First Lord of the Admiralty A. J. Balfour stated that the British government had no evidence that guns of that size existed.

### LUSITANIA NOTE NOT SATISFACTORY

President Holds Germany Must Characterize Sinking as an Illegal Act.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Germany has failed anywhere to accept responsibility for violating international law and while agreeing to pay indemnity for the American lives lost when the Lusitania went to the bottom off the Irish coast, indicated that it did so more as an "act of grace" than as a "justified legal obligation."

That is the "last word" of Prest Wilson. It was personally conveyed to Ambassador von Bernstorff today by Secy of State Lansing. The latter explained that the president considered the general character of the Lusitania proposals contained in the latest "informal" communication from the Berlin foreign office satisfactory. But he positively declined to permit the passing over of the question of responsibility in the manner that Berlin has suggested.

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Secy Lansing and Count von Bernstorff, at a conference at the state department today, agreed on the general form of settlement which will be acceptable to the United States. This was a somewhat difficult task because of the differences between the German and English language. The ambassador was anxious that terms be used which would have the same meaning in both languages and would not seem stronger in the German than in the English.

### WANTS TO KNOW U. S. Policy as to Armed Steamers

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Baron Erich Zwiadinek, charge of the Austrian embassy, today asked Secy of State Lansing to determine upon a definite policy regarding armed merchantmen.

The Austrian charge asked that this government make known its position before the Verona, the Italian steamer now at New York with guns mounted aft, sails for Italy.

Secy Lansing did not give any indication as to what stand this government will take. It was pointed out that he made it clear that at the time the Giuseppe Verdi was allowed to sail with guns mounted the government was not establishing a precedent.

Secy Lansing said then that every case would be dealt with separately.

### DOCKETS ARE CROWDED

All White Slave Charges Are Being Investigated.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—United States district attorneys throughout the country are making sure that white slave complaints coming before them are not brought as a part of blackmailing plots before instituting prosecution, it was learned today at the department of justice.

Federal court dockets are so crowded that it is desired to keep all weak cases out of court, giving precedence to cases demanding immediate administration of justice. The Mann act is considered especially susceptible to abuse by blackmailers.

### THERE IS A REASON

Mob Decides It Will Not Lynch Sheriff's Slayer.

International News Service: BARRON, Wis., Jan. 26.—A determined little army of citizens who patrolled the streets of Barron throughout the night met the mob of farmers who came down from Prairie Farm, Wis., determined to lynch Wenzel Baranek, slayer of Sheriff Matt Olson, and dispersed them without trouble early today.

Most of the party organized by Deputy Sheriff Steve Hulbert to guard the jail and protect their prisoner, were deer hunters and expert riflemen. The farmer mob decided not to take any chances against the special deputies.

### BLAST KILLS ELEVEN

Part of German City is Destroyed by Explosion.

International News Service: AMSTERDAM, Jan. 26.—Eleven men and women were killed and more than 200 injured by an explosion in a German munition factory at Offenbach, Hesse, on Sunday. Part of the city was wrecked.

### COLD IN COLORADO.

International News Service: DURANGO, Colo., Jan. 26.—The worst blizzard in many years raged today in Cimarron pass. Fear is felt for the safety of thousands of head of cattle in the San Juan basin.

### DYNAMITE IS FOUND IN 2 SHELL PLANTS

International News Service: PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 26.—The police are today investigating what they believe was a well laid plot to blow up by dynamite two local plants engaged in making shells for the allies.

This investigation was begun following the discovery of four wooden boxes tightly packed with dynamite sticks under a long abandoned dry dock in South Portland.

It is believed there was dynamite enough in the four boxes to have destroyed both plants and wrecked every other building within a half mile radius of the scene.

The plants involved are those of the Marine Hardware and Equipment Co. and the Portland Hardware Co. The former is located within 500 yards of where the dynamite was found and the latter within 800 yards.

The dynamite was discovered through information furnished by a mysterious stranger for whom the police are now searching.

## GERMANS FAIL IN NEW DRIVE PARIS CLAIMS

**French Abandon Some of Their Trenches But Cut Down Germans Who Try to Occupy Them.**

**ITALY MAY WITHDRAW FORCE FROM ALBANIA**

**Report is Ignored by War Office at Rome—Mail Force is Left in Montenegro.**

International News Service: PARIS, Jan. 26.—The latest German drive against the allies' lines in northern France and Belgium in an effort to cut through to Calais has ended in complete failure, in the opinion of French military experts.

Although the Germans attacked continuously for two days and two nights, expending millions of dollars worth of artillery ammunition, they were checked by the heroic defense of the French, British and Belgian troops.

At some points the French voluntarily gave up some of their shell-battered trenches, but when the Germans tried to occupy them they were cut down by the accurate artillery fire of the allies.

A dispatch from St. Omer estimates that the Germans lost at least 10,000 men in their latest drive toward the channel coast.

Another series of attacks may be attempted by the Germans somewhere on the west front tomorrow to celebrate the birthday of the kaiser, but a feeling of complete confidence prevails here that the Teuton legions will have no more success than they had in their latest effort to open up a path to Calais.

It is reported that the kaiser has departed for western headquarters.

ROME, Jan. 26.—While small Austrian forces are completing the conquest of Montenegro by disarming the scattered remnants of King Nicholas' army, 200,000 Austro-Hungarian troops are advancing into Albania, overrunning the northern section of that country and approaching the zone where Italy had for many years held dominant influence.

A report reached here today from Athens that owing to the superior numbers of the Austro-Hungarian army, the Italian expeditionary force landed at Avalona many months ago and since then considerably increased would be withdrawn.

War office officials would neither deny or confirm this report.

It is finally decided that Italian troops shall offer resistance to the enemy's advance, the first clash cannot be long delayed, according to military experts in Rome. Following their occupation of Scutari, the Austro-Hungarians are reported also to have taken San Giovanni di Medua, a sea port to the north of Durazzo.

From San Giovanni di Medua it is probably the aim of the Teuton forces to advance southward along the coast and effect a junction with the Bulgarians who invaded Albania from the east and penetrated as far as El Basan.

Some concern is evident in Rome as a result of the continued successes of Italy's enemy on the Balkan littoral of the Adriatic, but there has as yet been no criticism of the government's determination to assure victory on the northern frontier before embarking upon any other campaigns.

### SERBIA TO STICK WITH HER ALLIES

International News Service: CORFU, (Via Athens) Jan. 26.—"Serbia is not beaten while a single Serb is alive. More than ever we are with the allies until our last breath."

Serbia's resolve to make no peace with the central powers and to carry on the war on the side of the allies was thus voiced today by its premier, Nikola Pasich. The aged statesman wept as he recalled the sufferings of his country, but his eyes flashed as he reiterated his defiance of the Teuton nations.

"Our sufferings, the horror of which can never be described, only exalted our fidelity to the cause for which we are fighting," he said. "All we ask is the means wherewith to fight."

The landing of Serbian troops on Corfu is by no means complete yet. Still larger forces are to come and with these once more collected our problem completely resolves itself into one of provisions and equipment.

"Give us food and we will fight to the end. We will make no peace."